

write and send the money. Smith wrote last spring that he was going to Healing Springs, Va., and that was the last letter Mrs. Vernon received from him. She wrote frequently to the springs, but her letters were returned. In the summer of 1904, Mrs. Vernon addressed a letter to 36 West Thirty-first Street, where Smith lived when in New York, but that was also returned.

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Judge and Attorney.

Judge Clifton, of the Hustings Court of Manchester, was asked yesterday if he had anything to say regarding the letter he had received from Mrs. Emma Vernon.

He replied: "I handed the letter, as soon as I received it, to Mr. Page, the Commonwealth's attorney, to take such steps as he might think best."

"Will Shepherd Knapp Smith be re-indicted?" asked the reporter.

"I have nothing to do with that. Mr. Page will attend to that."

Mr. Charles L. Page, Commonwealth's attorney, was asked what he would do regarding re-indicting Smith.

He replied: "I cannot discuss that matter. It would not be proper. I will say this, however, that I have not given sufficient thought to the matter to be able to answer your question."

Mr. Smith Talks of It.

Mr. H. M. Smith, senior counsel for Shepherd Knapp Smith and Estelle Townsend Smith, was asked last night if he had anything to say regarding the Vernon letter. He replied:

"You may say that the article in the evening papers was the first intimation I had of Mrs. Vernon's letter."

"As it was addressed to Judge Clifton, I am very sorry to infer that he gave it to the newspapers. The reporter here told Mr. Smith that Judge Clifton had handed the letter to Mr. Page, and Mr. Page had given it to the newspapers."

Mr. Smith resumed: "I am glad to know that, and glad for the public to know it."

"Mr. Wells nor myself knew anything of it until we saw it in the paper."

"The case is being now prepared for the Court of Appeals. The good taste of the Commonwealth's attorney may well be questioned. I have no fear, however, that it will influence the Court of Appeals in the slightest. If Mrs. Smith gets a new trial I hope Mr. Page will bring Mrs. Vernon down."

The great point of her letter seems to be that she took the child soon after his birth and kept him nearly four years. This fact was brought out in the trial by us. Mrs. Vernon's name was mentioned and her home was mentioned as being in Brooklyn. If Mr. Page had asked her the exact address of Shepherd K. Smith he could have had it. I refer you to page 92 of the official stenographer's record which you can copy for yourself."

From the Record.

The reference is as follows: (Record, page 92.)

Q. "Where was your boy?"

A. "At Mrs. Vernon's, in Brooklyn."

Q. "Why did you not have the little boy with you?"

A. "Because Mrs. Vernon brought him up. Mrs. Smith, at the time of her trial, was very sick, and I took the child from her at the advice of physicians, and I went to the Healing Springs, Virginia, very unexpectedly."

Q. "Upon the advice of a physician she put this child in charge of Mrs. Vernon?"

A. "I did."

Is An Enemy.

"It can easily be seen from the letter that Mrs. Vernon is an enemy of the Smiths. The cause of the enmity is also shown by their failure to pay the child's board."

You can talk to Shepherd Smith about that. He is in and will say it is that. She was approached by Mrs. Smith's relatives to defend the character of the child. That I know to be false. She was probably asked if the child had developed his mind before she gave him up. Not knowing why it was asked she has put a wrong construction on it.

In reference to the marriage you will see on page 91 of the record that Shepherd K. Smith testified that he and Mrs. Smith were married before Alderman Bridges, of Brooklyn, on January 15, 1899.

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Q. "When were you married to your wife?"

A. "I was married on the 15th day of January, 1899."

Q. "Where were you married?"

A. "Married at South Brooklyn by Alderman Bridges."

Q. "When was your first child born?"

A. "October 15, 1899."

Introduced As Husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashburner both testified—see page 74-77—that in the summer of 1899, Mr. Shepherd K. Smith was introduced to them by Mrs. Vernon.

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For the child's board. Is this so?"

"I paid her \$12 a month for three years and some months, and I only owe her for two months' board."

"The reason I took the child to Mrs. Vernon was that some children belonging to friends of mine were nursed by her. She knew I was intimate with these people and she could have found out anything about me."

"Was there any mystery about your giving her the child?"

"None whatever. My wife and I took the child to Mrs. Vernon's home in a carriage. I had previously made all arrangements with her in accordance with the doctor's advice."

FRANCO-GERMAN ACCORD.

Signed By Premier Rouvier and Prince Von Radolin.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, September 28.—Premier Rouvier and Prince von Radolin, the German ambassador, at noon to-day signed the Franco-German accord concerning the Moroccan conference, thus definitely terminating the difficult negotiations.

The official text of the accord as given out says:

"Accord is reached upon a program comprising the organization of the police, the regulation and reformation of the Moroccan army, and the organization of a state bank and also the best means of collecting duties and the creation of new means of revenue, and also the determination of principles destined to safeguard the economic liberty of Morocco."

The agreement then makes a special reservation of the frontier region between Algeria and Morocco, where maintenance of police will be regulated directly between France and the Sultan without submission to the conference.

The regulation of the frontier of the same region also remains for France to determine with the Sultan.

The two governments unite in asking that Spain accept Algeria as the place for the conference.

The Franco-German accord upon Moroccan affairs to-day gives the least satisfaction, not only on account of Morocco, but chiefly because it terminates the suspense of months which threatened to disturb the peace of Europe. Both the foreign office and the German embassy were equally gratified to close the controversy.

MR. R. C. MORRISON'S HOME IN WARREN COUNTY BURNS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LURAY, VA., September 28.—The large dwelling house belonging to R. C. Morrison, located near Bentonsville, Warren county, fifteen miles north of Luray, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning, entailing a heavy loss. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. All the household property was destroyed, the flames having gained such headway when discovered the family barely had time to escape. No insurance.

DESPERADO KILLED.

Will E. Sims, Double Murderer, Shot Down By Officers.

(By Associated Press.)

ELLABELLA, GA., September 28.—Riddled with bullets from the weapons of officers of the law, that he had defied for months, Will E. Sims, the desperado, who has terrorized Bryan county, this afternoon paid the penalty for killing Conductor Julius Landsberg, of the Seaboard Air Line. He is alleged, too, to have killed James Perry, a negro.

Sheriff Parish and Deputies Gibson and Dukes, of this county, followed Sims into the house this morning. They found him at the home of a man named Parker, who is a friend of Sims. A child shouted alarm to Sims as the officers approached and the outlaw sprang from the bed in which he was sleeping and seized his rifle. He fired twice at Sheriff Parish, but missed.

Sheriff Parish fired once and missed, but Deputy Gibson's first shot struck Sims and he went to his knees. A third officer continued to fire rapidly, and Sims sank to the ground. Fourteen bullets in his body were shown by an examination.

There is great relief in Bryan county over the death of Sims.

POST A PROTEST.

Vigorously Oppose Selection of Outside Caterer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SEPTEMBER 28, 1905.

To The Honorable Members of the City Council of Richmond:

Gentlemen,—It has appeared in the press of this city that the committee on reception to President Roosevelt, has decided to employ a caterer from Washington to furnish the lunch on the occasion of the visit of President Roosevelt to this city in October, thus advertising to the country, that there is no competent caterer for such occasion in our city.

Therefore, be it resolved that Post A, Travelers' Protective Association of America, does hereby enter its protest against such action by the said committee of the city, and its members.

Resolved, second, That it is the opinion of Post A, of T. P. A. of A., that Richmond has caterers fully competent to furnish lunch for any occasion, and we believe that our Council should not allow in their power to advertise the business facilities of the city of Richmond, rather than deery same.

The above resolution was unanimously endorsed.

H. Lee Lorraine, President.

H. L. Harwood, Secy. and Treas.

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